PUBILC NOTICE

On Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 9:00am, the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy will hold a public hearing at the Board of Pharmacy Offices, 101 East Capitol, Suite 218, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The following regulation will be considered:

Regulation 07-02 - Compounding: The proposed changes will establish parameters for the compounding of commercially available products, define low, medium and high-risk sterile products, require sterility, pyrogen, and potency testing on certain high-risk sterile products, and prohibit compounding for veterinary office stock, except for products used in emergency situations.

On Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at 1:30pm, the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy will hold a public hearing at the Board of Pharmacy Offices, 101 East Capitol, Suite 218, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The following regulations will be considered:

Regulation 2 - Pharmacists: The proposed changes will allow the Board to conduct criminal background checks on pharmacists and pharmacy interns.

Regulation 3-00 - Pharmacy Technicians: The proposed changes will allow the Board to conduct criminal background checks on pharmacy technicians, and amend the duties of the technician.

Regulation 4 - Pharmacy: The proposed changes will allow Methadone Clinic Specialty Pharmacies to administer and dispense buprenorphine. The new language that will create section 04-02-0011 will define and regulate Central Fill Pharmacies.

Regulation 08-02 - Wholesale Distributor of List I Chemicals: The proposed changes will define the violations that could lead to revocation or suspension of the registration, after notice and hearing.

Regulation 11 - Criminal Background Checks: This new regulation will define and describe the process by which the Board will require criminal background checks.

Public comments will be accepted until the conclusion of each of the public hearings. A copy of the proposed regulations changes can be obtained by calling (501) 682-0190, writing Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, 101 East Capitol, Suite 218, Little Rock, AR 72201, or by emailing the Board of Pharmacy at trey.gardner@mail.state.ar.us

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